

TULL ACCEPTS POST AS MARKET SUPERINTENDENT

Predicts Success of New Open Air Curb Markets To Be Established During Coming Month in City.

J. H. Tull, recently elected market superintendent, spent Monday in Memphis in conference with Commissioner Horace Johnson, and members of the city market commission. Mr. Tull formally accepted the office and will begin his duties May 1. He will at once resign his position as federal agent in charge of farm and horticultural work for Arkansas.

While the recent movement for the establishment of curb markets in many cities, is a return to the old methods of 20 years ago, when the housewife went to market every day with her basket, Mr. Tull, the modern methods of conducting such free markets are a great improvement over the old plan. No other method brings producers and consumers so close together, and it will be found in practice that the farmer and truck grower will get more for his produce and the consumer will pay less, when your Memphis markets are in operation.

The plan will certainly be favored by the truck growers, for they now have to sell to either grocers, peddlers or men who operate stalls in the old market, and they get as much or more by dealing direct with the consumers.

The open air curb markets will not eliminate the middle men entirely, for vegetables and fruit out of season, and such vegetables for instance as Irish potatoes, which are not raised here in sufficient quantities to supply the demand, will still be handled through the commission houses.

Mr. Tull expressed his approval of the plans of the market commission to establish the first markets at Gaston and Forrest parks, which are both in the midst of thickly settled communities and on well patronized car lines. He will look over the local situation and recommend sites for additional markets soon after taking charge. His jurisdiction will include the Heale Avenue market and eventually the new municipal market to be built on Front street. He will also work in close cooperation with the bureau of farm development, and will hold conferences in the communities throughout the county to advise as to the growth of crops for which a ready sale can be obtained in the local markets.

Mr. Tull comes from near Asheville, N. C., and has been engaged in horticultural work all his life, either for the federal government or for some of the large railroad systems.

COTTON BELT LAYS OFF MEN IN SHOPS

PINE BLUFF, Ark., April 12. (Sp.)—It was announced here yesterday by the officials of the Cotton Belt shops that 46 car repairers and 29 laborers employed on the rip track will be laid off Saturday for an indefinite period. It is stated that the reduction of the force is a part of the plan to reduce expenses.

Reaches For Fare; Pocketbook Is Gone

When H. O. Carson, of Chicago, reached for his pocketbook Monday night for car fare, he became aware of what a really good pickpocket can do when he wants to. His pocketbook was gone and with it, the \$125 it had contained.

Knocks Pistol Out Of Holdup Man's Hand; Let's Him Go

PINE BLUFF, Ark., April 12. (Sp.)—K. O. Branch, checker for the Pine Bluff company, was held up last night as he was going home from the car barn, and had it not been for his quick action, would have lost \$150 of the company's money.

As he was passing a dark alley he was confronted by a man, with orders to throw up his hands, but in stooping to set down the grip he was carrying he drew his pistol and grabbed the holdup man's arm. The holdup man then pleaded to be permitted to go and Branch, not knowing that the man's gun had been knocked out of his hand, allowed him to do so.

ARKABUTLA SCHOOL HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

SENATORIA, Miss., April 12. (Sp.)—The commencement exercises of the Arkabutla consolidated school began Sunday with a sermon by Dr. N. N. Hooper, of Memphis. Er. B. G. Lowrey of Blue Mountain, Miss., will deliver the commencement address on Tuesday afternoon. Those who receive diplomas this year are: J. C. Underwood, Lois Brown, Corina Calhoun, Mamie Waddell, Katie Welton, Pearl Welton and Eunice Scott.

Each of the girls who graduate has finished a course in domestic science, and each one made the dress she will wear at the graduating exercises. The home science and farm mechanics courses are especially stressed at this school. One of the unique features of this commencement will be the room contest for the best exhibit in home economics, farm mechanics and practical agriculture. This is a Smith-Rughes school and is the largest consolidated school in the state. The enrollment this year has been the largest in its history. Prof. P. H. Eason has been re-elected the principal. The assistants will be chosen later by the principal.

VIOLATES SANCTITY OF FOREMAN'S TENT

A young negro, evidently wanting to "dell up" and with a great deal of nerve, late Monday ran the gauntlet of the workers at the county dirt road camp located near the fairgrounds, and entered Foreman T. T. Sullivan's tent. When the workers got there the negro was gone and with him went two suits of clothing, and a nice felt hat. Adding insult to injury, the negro had set fire to the tent, but it was extinguished without much damage.

ARREST TWO AND GET STILL AT OKOLONA

OKOLONA, Miss., April 12. (Sp.)—Sheriff Wesley Williams and Constable Lawrence Jolly arrested Ira Ray and Will Johnson, young white men, and lodged them in jail here today on a charge of illicit distilling and selling whisky. The still and about 150 gallons of beer or mash were brought in with the prisoners. They are now confined in the county jail awaiting conveyance to Aberdeen for trial.

THIEF STEALS CLOTHING.

Owing to the fact that it is seldom that anyone has more than \$150 worth of clothes at one time, it is very probable that Leroy Washington, 218 Washington avenue, had to send out for clothes before he could go out Tuesday morning. While he slept a thief entered his room and absconded with said \$150 worth of clothes.

THIEVES STEAL WHISKY.

PADUCAH, Ky., April 12. (Sp.)—

A trunk containing many quarts of whisky and wine, held for sale on doctors' prescriptions at the Jess Gilbert drug store, was stolen from the store by robbers, who entered the rear of the building and made their escape in an automobile. The liquor, locked in a small steamer trunk, was kept behind the prescription counter for medicinal sale. The robbers' haul consisted of 66 quarts of whisky and eight quarts of California sherry.

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